SUGARBEETS

Washington's sugarbeet estimates were reinstated with the 1996 crop. Acreage for sugarbeets hit a record high 91,700 acres harvested in 1973. Yields have always been higher than the National average. Washington's record yield was set with the 2005 crop at 40.6 tons per acre. The record total value of production for sugarbeets was set in 1973 at \$80.2 million. The 2005 sugarbeet crop totaled

69,000 tons. Harvested acres were 1,700 acres with a yield of 40.6 tons per acre. The final price for the 2004 crop was \$37.10 per ton. The record price per ton for sugarbeets in Washington was set in 1974 at \$45.50 per ton. The total value of production for 2004 was \$5.3 million. The preliminary value of production for the 2005 crop was \$2.6 million.

Sugarbeets: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price & Value, Washington, 1979-2005

| Year | Acres | | Yield | | Marketing | Value | Value |
|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Planted | Harvested | Per Acre | Production | Year Average Price | of Production | Per Harvested Acre |
| | Acres | Acres | Tons | 1,000 Tons | \$/Ton | \$1,000 | \$/Acre |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1997 1 | 18,300 | 18,000 | 33.1 | 595 | 38.90 | 23,146 | 1,286 |
| 1998 | 37,300 | 35,800 | 33.3 | 1,192 | 22.90 | 27,297 | 762 |
| 1999 | 27,500 | 27,400 | 30.1 | 825 | 32.40 | 26,730 | 976 |
| 2000 | 28,400 | 27,300 | 29.4 | 803 | 33.50 | 26,901 | 985 |
| 2001 | 7,200 | 7,100 | 35.6 | 253 | 40.50 | 10,247 | 1,443 |
| 2002 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 35.0 | 140 | 41.60 | 5,824 | 1,456 |
| 2003 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 40.3 | 161 | 35.90 | 5,780 | 1,445 |
| 2004 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 37.9 | 144 | 37.10 | 5,342 | 1,406 |
| 2005 2 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 40.6 | 69 | 37.10 | 2,560 | 1,506 |

¹ Estimates were discontinued in 1978 and reinstated in 1996.

² Preliminary price.